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*To the Chairman and Members of the Ashby Woulds Urban  
District Council :—*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1948.

It will be noticed that the birth rate for your area has fallen from 1947, and also the birth-rate for England and Wales. The birth rate for Ashby Woulds is higher than that of England and Wales.

The death rate in common with that for England and Wales has also fallen, but the Ashby Woulds death rate is lower than that of England and Wales.

Under the heading of "General Provision of Health Services" a short resume is given of the great changes that have taken place.

During the year only 2 permanent and 26 temporary houses were completed. The number of applicants waiting for Council houses at the end of the year was 220, and the need for more houses is still very great.

66 cases of Infectious Disease were notified during the year, and only 2 cases of Tuberculosis. There were no Tuberculosis deaths. Of the 66 cases of Infectious disease, there were 4 cases of Scarlet Fever, all mild and one was removed to Hospital, 11 cases of Whooping cough, all in the earlier part of the year, all at Moira, 47 cases of Measles occurred, all in the first half of the year reaching its peak in May with 23 cases. Cases were notified from Moira 35, Spring Cottages 11, and Albert Village 1. There were no Measles or Whooping cough deaths. Three cases of Pneumonia with one death.

On and after July 5th, the responsibility for Immunisation against Diphtheria has been taken over by the County Council.

I should like to thank the Public Health staff of the County Council for their help and co-operation during the year.

Finally, I should like to express my gratitude to Mr. P. C. Woodhall, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, not only for his help during the year, but also in the compilation of this Report, and to you Gentlemen for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant

A. MCM. W. SEGERDAL,

Medical Officer of Health.

## SECTION A.

### GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	...	...	...	...	2,399 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	...				3,238
Number of Inhabited Houses at end of 1948					945
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£15,919
Sum represented by a penny rate	...		...	...	£ 60

The chief Industries of the District are : Engineering, Agriculture, Coalmining, Earthenware and Brickmaking. No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the District.

There are three recreation grounds with an acreage of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  acres in the Urban District.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	28	35	63
Illegitimate	2	0	2
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Total	30	35	65

Birth Rate—20.0 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Birth Rate—17.9 per 1,000 population.

	Male	Female	Total
Still Births—Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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Total	0	1	1

Still Birth Rate—.30 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Still Birth Rate —0.42 per 1,000 population.

### Deaths

Male	Female	Total
16	14	30

Death Rate per 1,000 population —9.2.

England and Wales Death Rate —10.8 per 1,000 population.

### Causes of Death during 1948.

			Male	Female	Total
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	1	1	2
Cancer of all other sites	...	...	1	1	2
Intracranial vascular lesions	...	...	3	4	7
Heart diseases	...	...	4	4	8
Bronchitis	...	...	1	0	1
Pneumonia	...	...	0	1	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	...	...	1	0	1
Other digestive diseases	...	...	0	1	1
Con. mal. birth inj. infant, dis.	...	...	2	0	2
Other violent causes	...	...	1	0	1
All other causes	...	...	2	2	4
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Total			16	14	30

Death Rate from total maternal causes per 1,000 births (Live and Still)—0.

England and Wales—1.02 per 1,000 births (Live and Still)

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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Total	3	1	4

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births 61.5  
(England and Wales) ... 34.0

### Chief causes of Death during 1948.

Heart Diseases	...	8
Intracranial vascular lesions	...	7



## **SECTION B.**

### **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES**

#### **FOR THE AREA.**

General Provision for Health Services up to July 4th, were the same as in my Report for 1947, and the following embodies the changes that have taken place from July 5th to the end of the year.

#### **HOSPITALS.**

From July 5th all except some private Maternity and Nursing Homes such as Fairhaven, Shellbrook, were taken over by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. Those operating prior to July 5th are still mainly used, but other hospitals under the Board are available, and occasionally some outside the area of the Sheffield Region.

#### **TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.**

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. The Clinic at Moira was started on October 14th, 1948. At the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, an Ante-Natal Clinic and a Tuberculosis Dispensary are still available as formerly, the latter is under the auspices of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

#### **AMBULANCE FACILITIES.**

From July 5th, all Ambulance Services were provided by the County Council, the St. John Ambulance Brigade undertook the work as agents of the County Council, and in this area, the service is mainly provided by the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Coalville, and partly from the County Ambulance Depot, Leicester. Colliery accidents were removed by ambulance provided by the National Coal Board stationed at the Central Ambulance Station, Nailstone Colliery and at Moira.

## **NURSING IN THE HOME.**

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the home is under the Leicestershire County Council as from the 5th July.

## **HEALTH VISITING**

As before this work is provided by the County Council and is very ably carried out in the area.

## **LABORATORY FACILITIES.**

The County Council Laboratory, 8, St. Martin's Leicester.

The examinations performed on behalf of the district in the County Laboratory are as follows :—

Milk Examinations	...	...	11
Water Examinations	...	...	0
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	Total ...		11

The Public Health Laboratory at Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

## **SECTION C.**

### **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.**

#### **WATER SUPPLY.**

The District is supplied by the Swadlincote and Ashby's Joint Water Board from the Milton Reservoir except for a few outlying properties which obtain their water from wells.

Additional bulk supply of water is obtained from the Ashby Rural District Council by agreement, and from the Swadlincote District Urban District Council. The quality of the piped water supply is good but hard. Extensions of the main were also completed to supply the Close Estate of 26 aluminium bungalows in Albert Village. An extension to supply 3 Houses in Gorse Lane was also made. Water mains are to be extended to supply a new Housing Scheme at Norris Hill, Moira, early in 1949.

#### **DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.**

An extension of the Main Sewer from Occupation Road to the Close Estate was completed and the Sewers on the Estate laid for the drainage of the before mentioned 26 aluminium bungalows. A further extension of Sewers to drain Norris Hill Housing Estate, is under construction.

## CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total Number in District on December 31st.

Privies ... 15. Pail Closets .... 31. W.C.'s ... 639.

There were 3 Privies converted to Pail Closets during the year.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House Refuse is collected weekly by the Council's workmen with covered lorry and conveyed to suitable tips where it is deposited in layers and covered with soil.

Earth Closets, Privies, Ashpits and Cesspools are emptied at frequent intervals by Council's workmen. The nightsoil and contents of cesspools is carted on to the land and ploughed in and that from ashpits is conveyed to tips, deposited in layers and covered with soil.

## SALVAGE.

Salvage is collected weekly by the Local Authority. Kitchen waste is collected by Local Pig and Poultry Keepers.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total Number of Complaints received .... 39

Total Number of Defects and Nuisances discovered 54

### Inspections Made.

			First Inspections	Revisits
Bakehouses	...	...	4	8
Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	9	9
Drainage Works	...	...	94	108
Dwelling Houses	...	...	127	61
Food Premises	...	...	12	12
Rats and Mice Destruction	...	...	10	14
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	307	—
Schools	...	...	24	—
Shops	...	...	47	16
Water Supply	...	...	1978	—
Other Inspections	...	...	97	58

## NOTICES.

			Housing	Others
Issued during year	...	...	1	1
Complied with during year	...	...	1	1

## SECTION D.

### HOUSING.

#### (a) New Houses.

Total number of Applicants for Council Houses at end of Year	...	...	...	...	234
Aluminium Bungalows erected and occupied during the year	...	...	...	...	26

#### Inspection of Dwelling Houses during Year.

(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing defects	...	...	...	...	37
(2) Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	37
(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	14

#### Remedy of defects during the year without Formal Notices.

Number of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	...	...	...	...	14
Total number of occupied houses in district	...	...	...	...	945

## SECTION E.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

#### MILK SUPPLY

#### Cowkeepers.

No. on Register.	No. of Inspections.	No. of Contraventions			
		Outstanding from prev. year.	Found during year.	Remedied during year.	Outstanding on Dec. 31.
8	16	0	0	0	0

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

All slaughtering is done at Regional Slaughter House, Coalville.

Meat Shops.	No. of inspections	...	8 (34 lb Beef condemned).
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Places where food, other than meat, is prepared.	No. of inspections	...	12
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## SECTION F.

### PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1948.

Disease	Final numbers after correction	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	4	1	0
Whooping Cough	11	0	0
Measles	47	0	0
Pneumonia	3	0	1
Erysipelas	1	0	0
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Total	66	1	1

### ANALYSIS UNDER AGE GROUPS ACCORDING TO REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN 118d.

Age Groups	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
0— 1	0	0	1
1— 3	0	5	14
3— 5	1	4	11
5—10	2	2	18
10—15	0	0	2
15—25	0	0	0
25 and over	1	0	0
age unknown	0	0	1
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Total	4	11	47

Age Groups	Pneumonia	Erysipelas
0— 5	1	0
5—15	1	0
15—45	0	0
45—65	1	0
65 and over	0	1
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Total	3	1

## IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Number Immunised from January 1st to July 4th, 1948.

Under 5 years of age	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
5—14 years of age	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total							38
Number who have received a reinforcing injection (Booster does)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

## Register of Notifications of cases of Tuberculosis for the year 1948.

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
Number of Cases on Register at Commencement of year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of Cases notified for the first time during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of Cases removed from Register during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of Cases remaining on Register at the end of the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

### Causes of Removal.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Cured	0	0	0	1	1

## FACTORIES ACT 1937.

Résumé of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1948, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

## PART 1 OF THE ACT.

**1. Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

	Number on Register.	Inspections.
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	20
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Total ...	10	20

## PART VIII OF THE ACT.

**Outwork (Sections 110 & 111).**

### Section 110.

Nature of Work.	No. of Outworkers in August list required by by Section 110 (1) (c) (3)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	1
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Total ...	1







